



## Massachusetts Issues Opt-Out RFR

After consulting with the state, FirstNet is required to present each state with information on its proposed buildout of the National Public Safety Broadband Network, including its proposed plan for building the radio access network (RAN) used to access the NPSBN in that state. The Governor of each state is responsible for deciding whether to opt in to the FirstNet Plan for the state or opt out and implement the state's own plan to build the National Public Safety Broadband Network radio access network within its jurisdiction.

Earlier this week, this office published a Request for Response (RFR) for a vendor to provide Governor Baker with a fully comparable, viable, alternative plan to be considered concurrently with the FirstNet State Plan for Massachusetts.

Please note that the Governor has not made a decision to accept the State Plan to be provided by FirstNet/AT&T nor has the Governor indicated a desire to "opt-out" of the FirstNet State Plan. Responses to this RFR will help inform the Governor's decision and enable Massachusetts to meet the statutory milestones should Massachusetts choose to opt-out.

Among other things, in the RFR Massachusetts seeks the services of a qualified vendor who can:

- Assure that the RAN meets Massachusetts' needs for coverage, capacity, security, reliability, control, and grade of service
- Secure the widest possible adoption of the RAN by Massachusetts public safety users
- Ensure that the usage costs are consistent with the objective for wide adoption
- Eliminate concerns regarding the financial sustainability of the Massachusetts RAN
- Assure that the Massachusetts RAN is technically sustainable and scalable

For additional information, please see the complete RFR on COMMBUYS at:

<https://www.commbuys.com/bso/external/bidDetail.sdo?bidId=BD-17-1044-EPS17-EPS1-16571&parentUrl=activeBids>